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Local news items, reports of Society meetings,
etc., are solicited, and should reach the Office
no later than Thursday P. M. to be in time for
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sent to the office as early in the week as pos-
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LOCAL AFFAIRS.

By Our Regular and Casual Reporters,
and Correspondents.

The Glen Ridge Club Concert.

The concert given at the Club House on
the evening of the 8th inst. was a genuine
surprise to the audience in respect to the
high excellence of the performance. The
entertainment was under the direction of
Mr. John Hyatt Brewer, organist of the
Lafayette Ave. Presbyterian Church of Brooklyn,
and the parts were rendered by Boyington Glee Club, Miss Marie Van, soprano,
and Miss Eleanor Hooper, Violiniste.

These artists gave to the members of
the Club and their friends who were present
an entertainment which though brief,
was perfect in its kind and as it was com-
paratively unheralded, surpassed all ex-
pectations which had been formed of it.

The Glee were well rendered and showed
evidence of careful training.

Miss Van has a voice of rare training, used
with the skill of a trained and accomplished
artist. Miss Hooper won the admiration
of the audience, not only by the skill
which she displayed, but by the grace of
her manner.

The following is the programme:

PART I.
"Glee—'Gay Pilgrim,' Mangold.
'Air de Salomé,' Massenet. Miss Van.
'Song of Spain,' By Glee Club.
'Soldier's Farewell,' Isenman. Miss
Hooper.

'Steal Away,' 'Swing Low,' adapted by
Mr. Brewer. By Glee Club.

PART II.
"In Absence," Quartet, Buck. By Glee
Club.
Soprano Solo—(a) "Once Again," (b)
"The Fairest Vision," Lassen. By
Miss Van.
"The Owl and the Pussy Cat," Ingraham.
By Glee Club.
Violin Solo—"Air Varie," Vieuxtemps.
By Miss Hooper.
"The Singer's March," Becker. By Glee
Club.

FINE ENTERTAINMENT.

The entertainment given Tuesday eve-
ning in Dodd's Hall by the Berkeley Sun-
day School was an exceptional one.
Though not so pronounced success pecu-
narily, otherwise it was. The program
was a good one, a pleasant feature being a
fan drill, executed by twenty misses of
the school. Their performance was such
as to reflect a great deal of credit upon
their accomplished leader, Miss Laura Sid-
man. A piano solo by Mrs. Arline Far-
rand Gerow, who has few equals in ma-
nipulating that instrument, and instru-
mental music by the Euterpean society,
who gave promise by their performance of
the treat in store to be enjoyed at their
own concert on the 15th inst., were very
enjoyable. Prof. Fabian's readings were
also much enjoyed, showing him a true
artist. A number of tableaux were given
and were well conceived and artistically
carried out. The success of this feature
was due to the generous assistance render-
ed by Mr. W. B. Chambers. The ladies
also earned a reputation for ability and
good taste in the production of so interest-
ing an exhibition, involving much care
and labor.

Bloomfield Y. M. C. A.

A mass meeting will be held under the
above auspices at Westminster Church on
Friday evening, Dec. 17th, at 8 o'clock.
A concert has been kindly tendered by
the Euterpean Society, to precede the
meeting, at 7:45 o'clock. Prominent
speakers will address the meeting, among
whom will be R. R. McBryar, Esq.,
Secy. of Y. M. C. A. of New York. Rev.

Dr. Storrs of Orange, Rev. Albert Mann
of Bloomfield. Kindly bring your home
copies of Gospel Hymns.

TO THE BLOOMFIELD CITIZEN:

The Rev. Sam'l. W. Duffield's name having
been used as an opponent of the move-
ment looking towards the organizing a
Young Men's Christian Association, I desire
to say in his behalf that before his
sickness he expressed himself heartily in
its favor and as ready to work for it suc-
cessfully and make this, their first concert, a
fine success.

THE LATE ELDRIDGE VANDERWERKEN.

Bloomfield has lost another of its aged
and useful citizens in the death of Mr.
Eldridge Vandewerken. Mr. Vandewerken
was born in Waterford, New York, and
white yet a young man moved from Albany—
where he had entered upon business to New York. During forty-five
years he was a merchant of the latter city,
making his home some eighteen years in
New York and some seven years in Brook-
lyn. Twenty years ago he brought his
family to Bloomfield; a part of the time
living in the old Newark road, and most
of the time in his residence on Belleville e-
avenue.

He was universally respected as an up-
right business man. While not succeed-
ing in later years as he did in former years,
he won the good will and affection of
his associates. As a member of the Baptist
church of our village, he was honored
by being chosen to serve, at one time as
Superintendent of the Sabbath school and
for many years as a Deacon of the church
and a Trustee of the church and Society.
He was repeatedly made chairman of the
Board of Trustees.

About nine years ago he came near los-
ing his life by falling from the platform of
the G. L. R. R. depot, his head barely es-
caping from being crushed by the cars.
Until a short time ago he appeared to be
in full vigor; but in May last disease fas-
tened upon him, and after months of suf-
fering and weakness, from which he at
times seemed to be improving, he passed
away last Sunday afternoon, at 1:30 o'clock.
His funeral occurred at the Baptist church
Wednesday morning at 10 o'clock, the inter-
ment being made in the family lot in
Greenwood cemetery. Rev. J. W. Saries,
D. D., who was his pastor in Brooklyn,
Rev. H. F. Smith, D. D., who was his first
pastor when he came to this place, and his
last pastor, Rev. E. D. Simons, took
part in the funeral services. Each of
these ministers spoke in the highest terms
of him, as a man and Christian and per-
sonal friend.

The singing was peculiarly beautiful
and appropriate. Mrs. Richard Stout,
Mrs. F. B. Stone, Mr. D. G. Garabrant
and Mr. Charles Martin led in the part of
the service. A memorial sermon will be
preached at the Baptist church next Sab-
bath morning, at which time will also be
commemorated the death of Claude
Harvey.

NICKEL PLATING A MONUMENT FUND.

George W. da Cunha, the artist, has
started at Montclair, a club known as the
Grant Monument Memorial Nickel Fund
Association. No member is allowed to
contribute more than five cents; each
member is to collect as many five cent
pieces as possible, but must not accept
more than five cents from any one person.
Heads of families may contribute five cents
for each member of their family. It is
recommended that such clubs be formed
throughout the country, each one contrib-
uting being enrolled as member, and the
names and amounts collected, be sent to
Secretary R. T. Greener, at No. 146 Broad-
way. The Montclair has started the ball
rolling by contributing five cents each.—
Mr. Ladd, Mrs. Ladd, Jacob Baker, Miss
McDermit, George W. da Cunha, George
W. da Cunha, Jr.; Mr. Evans, Mrs. Evans,
Mrs. Baker, Mrs. R. W. da Cunha, Walter
Baker, Miss Madge Baker. Total, sixty
cents.

The amount previously reported togeth-
er with this contribution makes the grand
total of the monument fund \$123,710.21.

A LETTER FROM FLORIDA.

LEESBURG, SUMTER CO., FLA.,
DEC. 1ST, 1886.

TO THE BLOOMFIELD CITIZEN:

Within the past month I have received
thirteen letters from your town, five from
Montclair and two from Orange, all asking
me questions about Florida and as to
whether I would advise the writers to come to
Florida. From what a majority of the
writers say I am led to believe that they have
very little means and have fair sized
families. Now before attempting to an-
swer them at all I wish it distinctly un-
derstood that my purpose is to discourage
any from coming except those who have
some little means with which to obtain a
start. I am asked by some "how much."
That is impossible to say, but would not
advise a single man, if he can make a
living at home, to come to Florida for the
purpose of starting a grove with less than
one thousand dollars, and not then unless
he is both able and willing to work. Of
course a man of family ought to have more
capital. I do not think Florida the section
for the poor, who have to rely entirely
on their labor, as wages are not high
and work is not always to be had. Laborers receive
from \$1.00 to \$1.50 per day and are lucky if they can keep
but half the time. Mechanics receive from
\$2.00 to \$3.50 per day and have still less work.

Board costs from \$12.00 to \$35.00 per
month and of course is higher in hotels.
Clerks in stores receive from \$5.00 up-

wards per week, with a supply far above
the demand. The attraction to Florida is
of course for orange groves and climate.
The latter is enjoyed by all who come.

The former by all who stay. A man with-
out a little grove is here like an elephant
without a trunk—"something wanting."

A man when he decides to settle must
necessarily locate. That is, buy either a
grove or buy some unimproved land and
make or cause a grove to be made. Much
the cheapest way is to buy the land and
make the grove, as a grove just commen-
ting to bear fruit is well worth from \$500
to \$1,000 per acre, and will if located at
all desirably, command a ready sale. A
grove can be made and brought to the
same state for a great deal less money.

As soon as a man locates and gets his
place in shape he plants his garden (suitable
to the season) and finds a ready market
for whatever garden truck he raises.
If a man is industrious he can make truck
gardening pay largely while making a
grove. Of course our soil being very light
and sandy requires liberal fertilizing, but
in no State in the Union will fertilizing
pay as well or as quickly as here. A
neighbor of mine has made watermelons
pay him nearly \$2,000 net on a ten acre
patch, and the same year raised sweet
potatoes on the same land that sold for
over \$800, after the melons were marketed,
thus making on the ten acres over \$2,000,
over all expenses clear. There are crops
of course that pay much higher profits but
of course the risk is proportionate with
the profit.

Strawberries have paid clear over \$1,000
per acre. Green peas for northern market
have paid fabulous prices and have made
most complete failures, which can also be
said of cucumbers, snap beans, tomatoes,
etc., etc. One of the st. profitable safe
crops is winter cabbages, which can be
made to pay from \$250 to \$400 per acre,
and can be followed with field peas, then
sweet potatoes, three crops a year.

So much for agriculture. Mercantile
business is overdone. Competition is great
and most necessary goods can be bought
nearly as low as in your town. A very
comfortable home can be built for from
\$500 upwards. Schools and churches are
plenty. Railroad facilities are excellent.
We get the New York failles only one day
old. We are 200 miles south of Jackson-
ville, in what is known as the great lake
region of the Orange belt and in a section
as healthy as can be found in the United
States. The death rate of Florida is lower
than that of any other State. One of the
writers asks if a lady of very small means
can make a living here. I would hate to
advise a lady to come and rely on her own
exertions for her support. Orange groves
and truck farming are the main support
and reliance of the country, and it is safest
to rely on agriculture in an agricultural
country. If your readers would like to
know more of orange groves I will be
pleased in another letter to give them such
information as I have picked up during
the five years of my residence here. In
the mean time I remain yours, etc.

S. A. MURDEN.

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